

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicant respectfully requests that the attached specification, which includes the abstract on a separate page, be used as a substitute for the original specification as filed. It is respectfully submitted that the original specification is a direct literal translation of the German priority document and, accordingly, is not in proper idiomatic English. The attached substitute specification is in proper idiomatic English and is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(a) and (b).

Applicant respectfully submits that the number and nature of the amendments that would be needed to put the original specification into proper idiomatic English would render it difficult to consider the application and to arrange the papers for printing and copying. Accordingly, the attached substitute specification is submitted. Specifically, a clean version (without markings) is enclosed and a marked-up version is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the attached substitute specification includes no new matter.